

The Problem:

The hunting season for coyote is closed in northern Wisconsin during the nine-day gun deer season. The season closure in this portion of the state was originally implemented to help the state's wolf population establish itself by ensuring that a hunter did not accidentally kill a wolf that had been mistaken for a coyote.

Since implementation of this season closure, the state's wolf population has established itself and efforts are underway to de-list the wolf from the federal endangered and threatened species list. The wolf population is considered sustainable and it is believed that accidental takings of wolves should not have a negative impact on the population.

Prior to the closure of the coyote season in the northern part of the state, many hunters considered taking a coyote as an opportunity to utilize the animal's pelt to offset the cost of licenses or deer processing, or as a trophy in itself.

This resolution is not meant to provide an excuse for anyone who might want to kill a wolf and hunters are reminded that accidental taking of a wolf would still carry substantial penalties under Wisconsin law.

Whereas, this rule no longer provides the benefit which was originally intended,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Green County on **April 10, 2006**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to re-open coyote hunting season in the entire state during the nine-day gun deer season.

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Passed or Failed

County Resolution Number: 2

County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES

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